

## ASCC Completes International interoperability Survey

A primary element in the development of the ASCC 1999-2000 Task Order was establishing the standardization concerns of the member nations. As a fivenation project, virtually all military headquarters were surveyed (as well as members of the ASCC Working Parties (WPs)). The results of the survey are being analyzed by the Assistants for

Standardization and the Management Committee. The analysis of the survey along with the 1997-1998 Task Order will provide the source documents for the development of the ASCC Task List. Once approved by the nations, the Task List provides the justification for all ASCC WP projects and becomes the heart of the ASCC Task Order.



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This project would not have succeeded without the outstanding support of the working party delegates, Coordinating Members, and national ASCC support elements.

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#### Note:

- Did you know your MC representative can grant you access to the WMS? (see page 4 for details)
- Don't be out of touch when you travel! If you can get on the Internet, you can access your unclassified e-mail through free e-mail providers like JUNO.COM, and HOTMAIL.COM

## INTERNET COMMUTING and ASCC MC = increased support to Working Parties

All ASCC delegations are aware of the outstanding support they receive from the ASCC MC Admin Assistants, Mr. John Coughlan and Ms. Marguerite Greavette. What they don't realize is Mr. Coughlan sup-

ports them from the ASCC MC Office (near Washington DC) and Ms. Greavette now "Internet commutes" from near Ontario, Canada.

Marguerite was recently awarded a contract to support the ASCC MC and WPs

via the Internet due to the unparalleled service she provided during her tenure at the MC Office. Thus far the experiment has been an unqualified success and John and Marguerite will continue to refine the extended office concept.











#### "Hail & Farewell" to Three ASCC national directors

As is the way in all our militaries, 1998 has thus far seen the assignment of 3 new ASCC National Directors.

The RAAF recently appointed Australian ND Air Cdre Ray Conroy (longest serving ND) as "Head of Acquisition - Aerospace." He surrendered the ND mantle to the new AS ND, Air Cdre Norm Gray, Director General Aerospace Development.

Air Cdr Tony Nicholson, UK ND was recently promoted to Air Vice-Marshal and assigned as Director General Air Systems1/Controller Aircraft (DGAS1/CA). The new UK ND is Air Cdre Graham Miller, Director of Operational Requirements (Air).

The US has also appointed a



Fly-by in honor of departing and newly assigned NDs by the ASCC MC Interoperability Demonstration Team

new ND since the Mar 98 ND meeting. Farewell Maj Gen Charles Henderson (now assigned as director, Plans and Policy, J-5, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command) and welcome new US ND Maj Gen Bruce Carlson, Director of Operational Requirements.

Providing the "corporate ND memory" are the New Zealand ND, Air Cdre Don Hamilton, Deputy Chief of Air Staff, and the Canadian ND, Brig Gen Cajo Brando, CAS/DG Air Pers

# 'The objective of ASCC is to ensure member nations are able to fight side-by-side as airmen in joint and combined operations."

(ASCC Charter / MOU as amended at the 50th ND Meeting))

#### A "hot summer week" in Georgia

ASCC WP 44 – Integrated Airlift Systems held its 36th meeting at Warner Robbins AFB, Georgia, USA from 26 August thru 2 September 1998. All ASCC nations attended and each delegation contained experts in Airlift/Airdrop Operations and Policy development, Aerial Delivery and Air Movements.

WP 44 will be the "sponsor" WP for one of the most important ASCC proj-

ects for CY 1999 – ASCC involvement in Exercise Air Warrior II. Air Warrior II will provide the ASCC to validate our interoperability and identify areas requiring increased standardization.

One of the most interest- asset to Asing information exchanges during this meeting con-



Lockheed-Martin C-130J – future asset to ASCC airlift operations

cerned the Lockheed-Martin C-130J.

This aircraft has been ordered by four of the ASCC nations and will provide airlift and airdrop interoperability well into the next century.

In the near future, WP 44 members expect to sponsor several Test Project Agree-











#### Air Standard 85/1: It isn't just a dictionary

In a multi-national organization, misunderstanding of terminology can be a critical impediment. To bastardize the saying of Robert Shaw, all ASCC nations are a united people separated by a common language! To assist all of us around our unique understandings of our "common English language," we rely on the expertise of an assigned terminologist.

Although all ASCC nations have a national terminologist, the ASCC (as an organization) also has an official terminologist who makes recommendations on terminology issues to the nations and maintains the official "lexicon" of the ASCC – Air Standard 85/1.

The ASCC Terminologist is Ms. Reta Parsons. In her "national hat" she represents the USAF on terminology issues to the NATO Military Agency for Standardization. In her ASCC "international hat," she is the mistress of terms



ASCC Air Standard 85/1 is available "on-line" from the Work Management System: http://206.239.253.68/coldfusn/isid/

unique to ASCC.

The ASCC Terminologist only makes recommendations to the national terminologist – consensus is maintained!

At the 1998 National Directors' Meeting, the national terminologists recommend maintaining 85/1 as the source for those terms applicable to most working parties and unique to ASCC. Therefore, specialist terms will continue to be documented in the annexes of Air Standards and other ASCC publications.

## Internet links to the international standardization universe

The ASCC Management Committee is co-located with the USAF International Standardization Office (USAF ISO). Although the two offices work independent of each other (the ISO dealing with USAF concerns, the ASCC MC dealing with ASCC international concerns), they share "web-space" on the same Internet server.

To assist all ASCC nations communicate and coordinate international standardization activities, the USAF International Standardization Office has opened its webpage to all ASCC nations.

This courtesy was extended to eliminate duplication of work and

provides ASCC members Internet links to both US national and other international military, government and commercial standardization activities. Specific Links can be found to ABCA, AUSCANNZUKUS, CCEB, TTCP, and others at http://www.hq.af.mil/xo/xoo/xoox-iso/link1.htm.

Links to US maintained "Lessons Learned" data-bases can be found at http://www.hq.af.mil/xo/xoo/ xoox-iso/links.htm

Links to non-governmental, commercial and other activities can be found at http://www.hq.af.mil/xo/xoo/xoox-iso/link3.htm.

The homepage of the USAF Inter-



national Standardization Office: http://www.hq.af.mil/xo/xoo/xoox-iso

### IMS WMS = International Military Standardization Work Management System

What it means to you — — Faster coordination and better access to ASCC documents

All ASCC documents (draft documents, Air Standards, WP Agenda and action items) are being posted to the WMS. You need access — the "paperless" office is here now!



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#### **Congratulations ASCC on reaching your "Golden Jubilee"**

◆The ASCC was created 1948 "...to ensure that in a future war there will be no material or technical obstacles to full cooperation for mutual defense between the (member) countries..."